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PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE UNKNOWN STORY THAT WILL ASTONISH WORLD

REPORTS REPEAT PREVIOUS CLAIMS OF GREAT RUSSIAN VICTORY

BETWEEN THE TWO RIVERS IN POLAND

Berlin Declares That no Decisive Battle Has Been Fought.

The curtain is still down the battle front in Poland, between the Vistula and Warta rivers. How the week's battle between the Russians and the Germans is progressing is not known. Unofficial reports repeat previous claims of a great Russian victory. Petrograd has not officially stamped them true. Berlin in its latest report simply says fighting in Poland has assumed the proportions of a continuous battle. It gives no geographical position of this fighting and may refer to the operations westward from Warsaw or to those in the vicinity of Czenstochowa and still farther south along the Galician frontier.

In this latter district and in Galicia, according to latest reports of the Russian commander-in-chief, the Muscovite forces have had numerous successes. Captures of men and munitions are recorded on the Czenstochowa-Cracow line, along the Szreniawa river in Poland; in Galicia on the Raba and Vistula rivers and before the town of Bochnia, which was stormed.

Berlin's latest official report announced victories in western Galicia and progress in the Carpathians for the Tenth ally.

Heavy fighting is in progress in northwestern Serbia but now is hampering operations. The Montenegrins claim to have defeated the Austrians with great losses on the Drina river.

The British admiralty announces that the collier Kharthoum has been blown up by a mine off Grimsby, England. Her crew was saved.

Lloyd's reports that in addition to the British steamer Malachite, the sinking of which off Havre has been announced previously, a German submarine has sent to the bottom off Havre the British steamer Primo.

The British parliament has adjourned—the house of lords to January 6 and the house of commons to February 2.

At the last session of the house of commons Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, announced that in view of Great Britain's rapid construction of warships she could lose a dreadnought every month for a year and still maintain her superiority over Germany in these ships.

David Lloyd George, the British chancellor of the exchequer, announced that the British war loan of \$1,750,000,000 had been largely oversubscribed.

The former German cruiser Goeben, now of the Turkish navy, lost eleven killed in her recent fight with the Russians in the Black sea.

A coroner's jury has decided that the killing and wounding of German war prisoners in a riot at the detention camp on the Isle of Man was justifiable.

The French stock exchange will reopen December 7.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—While Petrograd correspondents continue to declare the Russians have won a great victory over the Germans in Poland, official confirmation still is lacking. Although Russian headquarters say the advantage in the fighting remains with their troops, Berlin declares that no decisive battle has been fought. Some German newspapers claim success for their armies.

The silence of Grand Duke Nicholas, Russian commander-in-chief in the east, as to the progress of the battle in Poland, is causing unfavorable comment in Russia. Advice from Petrograd say there is a feeling there that perhaps newspaper claims of a Russian success have been exaggerated.

In the western war some comparative quiet prevails. No reports of heavy fighting have been recorded in several days, although there have been intermittent artillery duels and small infantry encounters.

The Rumanian parliament will meet tomorrow and the future course of action of this kingdom probably will be decided. It is said Rumania is prepared to cede to Bulgaria some of the territory which she gained after the second Balkan war at the expense of her neighbor. This may mean that Bulgaria is about to take her stand with the Allies and in return be permitted to straighten out her boundaries and take more of the country inhabited by her nationals.

In addition to a contingent of 21,000 men who already are in England, it is announced that Australia has raised a second contingent of 19,000 men.

WHEN FULL DETAILS OF RUSSIAN VICTORY IN POLAND IS KNOWN

SAYS PETROGRAD CORRESPONDENT

Blow to Germany's Finest Troop Such as Has Not Been Deft Since Days of Napoleon.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 28.—2:40 a. m.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says that when full details of the Russian victory in Poland are available they will furnish a story that will astonish the world—a story telling of a blow to Germany's finest troops such as had not been dealt since the days of Napoleon.

The correspondent also makes an interesting disclosure concerning a success he says the Russian Baltic fleet under command of Admiral von Essen achieved early in September. His dispatch in substance is as follows:

"It appears that German warships had acquired the habit of cruising in the Baltic up to the limit which the Russian fleet had decided to hold. Admiral von Essen painted several of his cruisers and destroyers with German colors and under cover of foggy weather joined the German ships. The presence of the Russian warships was not suspected.

"The admiral opened fire, sinking one German cruiser and badly damaging another, while the Russian destroyers put in good work on the smaller German craft. Having delivered this blow, the Russian vessels sailed home, untouched.

"The Germans naturally remained silent regarding this fight and for various reasons the Russians also kept silent. A number of the covered St. George crosses were distributed among those who were responsible for the success of this venture."

In connection with the foregoing story it is interesting to note a brief official statement given out in London September 4 reading:

"According to information derived from a trustworthy source seven German destroyers and torpedo boats have arrived at Kiel in a damaged condition and it is understood that others have been sunk in the vicinity of the Kiel Canal."

Horses for the Armies.
New Orleans, Nov. 27.—The British steamers Rowanmore and Asian which cleared from here today carried 2,444 horses said to be for the use of the British and French armies, in addition to large cargoes of cotton and grain. The Rowanmore cleared for Bordeaux and the Asian for Liverpool via Avonmouth.

Decide Shooting of Prisoners Was Justified

(By Associated Press.)

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, via London, Nov. 27.—(7:40 p. m.)—A coroner's jury today decided that the shooting of several German prisoners of war in a riot at the Isle of Man detention camp last week was justified.

Colonel Madoc, camp commandant, testified he thought the riot was prearranged. The clash was in the dining room and the commandant said a red hand made of cardboard was placed on the dining room table at dinner and that a chair was thrown through a window. The guards were unable to use their bayonets and in the opinion of Colonel Madoc were justified in firing.

Russian Commander Is Much Embarrassed

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 27.—The Russian commander is much embarrassed by the fact that wireless apparatus, machine guns and machine guns for repelling attacks by the Russian aeroplanes have been mounted on steeples of old Catholic churches in Cracow, Galicia, says a semi official statement tonight. The statement continues:

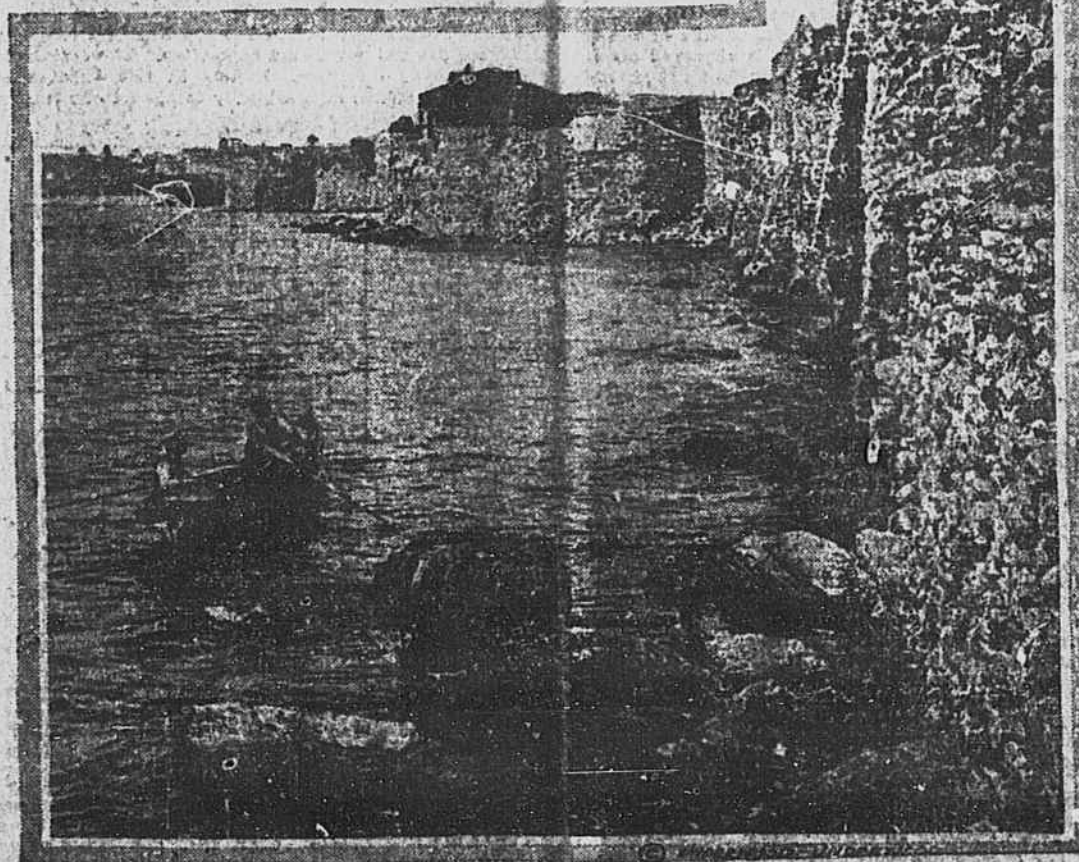
"To appropriate to such use historical monuments denotes the German military authorities' desire to compel the Russians to bombard the Polish city, the fortifications of which form the last bulwarks of the Hapsburgs."

Elect Woman President.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 27.—For the first time in the history of the teachers assembly they elected a woman as president, the choice being Miss Mary O. Graham, of Charlotte, assistant superintendent of Mecklenburg county schools, sister of President B. K. Graham, of the University of North Carolina.

Ancient Wall for Defense of Constantinople.

This is the ancient wall of the water front of Constantinople which the Turks hope will hold them safe against the attack of battleships if they succeed in entering the Bosphorus. The wall has been built for many hundred years. Stones in their native shape and mortar were the material used. But since modern cement of fifty feet in thickness has been blown to bits by the artillery used in this war the old wall may not last long against the Russian, British, or French fleets should either pass the Bosphorus or the Dardanelles.



Between 600 and 800 Men Lost In Fighting at Naco, Sonora

(By Associated Press.)

NACO, Ariz., Nov. 27.—Governor Maytorena's attackers lost between 600 and 800 men in the fighting at Naco, Sonora, November 18, according to a wounded man found by officers of the Carranza garrison, who made a sortie into the Maytorena trenches today. The Carranza officer found eight men alive, including the wounded man, who was dying from starvation.

The wounded soldier said many of his wounded comrades were left on the field to die. Yaqui Indians sent back by Maytorena to rescue them merely looted the dead, he said.

A Rev. Mr. Winthrop was struck today by a bullet fired by Yaqui snipers.

Villa Forces Enter Mexico City

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 27.—A part of General Villa's forces have entered Mexico City, but Villa remains at Tulsa. A train, the first in many weeks, left Mexico City today for Juarez. This was learned when rail and wire communications were opened between the national capital and the border. An official Villa report today said that General Caballero, the Carranza leader, whose troops held Tampico, had recognized the convention party.

Repat Given In Honor of the Arrival of Santa Claus Ship

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 27.—There was a large gathering at the American Luncheon Club today at a repast given in honor of the arrival at Davenport this week of the Christmas ship Jason, bringing Christmas presents from the children of America to the young folk of the warring countries of Europe.

John Callen O'Loughlin, representing the newspapers in the United States, who aided in the collecting of presents sent by the children of America, was the guest of honor. The Jason is preparing to leave Davenport tomorrow for France, and consequently her officers could not be present.

Walter H. Page, the American ambassador, presiding. Among those present were Lord Northcliffe and Sir George Riddell. Mr. O'Loughlin addressed the meeting. Sir George Riddell expressed the appreciation of Great Britain. He said: "Americans were noted for their original ideas and the enthusiasm with which they carried them out."

Destruction of Boat Arouses Indignation

(By Associated Press.)

BAHI, Italy, via Rome, Nov. 27.—(7:55 p. m.)—A mine that had floated from its moorings exploded near here today, destroying a fishing boat and killing four men. The explosion of this mine, said to have been planted by Austria, has aroused indignation among Italians along the Adriatic coast.

Italy recently protested to Austria concerning drifting mines and was assured there would be no repetition of this trouble.

British Collier Blown Up.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The British admiralty this evening announced that the collier Kharthoum had been blown up today by a mine off Grimsby, a crew of the Kharthoum was landed at Grimsby.

Grimsby is on the north bank of the Humber, 11 miles southeast of Hull.

Burned to Death Under His Car

(By Associated Press.)

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 27.—The body of an automobile driver found last night burned to death under his car at New Castle, near here, was identified today as that of Harry Doughty, of Franklin City, Va. The body was found by the crew of a trolley car. It is believed Doughty was on his way from Wilmington to his home alone when the car turned turtle and plumed him beneath it.

President Returns to Capital.

(By Associated Press.)

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Nov. 27.—President Wilson brought his Thanksgiving visit here to a close today, leaving in time to reach Washington at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

As soon as he arrives, Mr. Wilson will plunge into work, completing his message to congress and conferring with congressional leaders on the legislative program.

EVERYTHING READY FOR THE BIG GAME

THE ARMY AND NAVY FOOTBALL TEAMS IN PHILADELPHIA

CITY'S HOTELS ARE CROWDED

The Army Will Enter Game a Favorite on the Season's Record.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—The Army and Navy football teams arrived here today for their annual game tomorrow, and tonight the city's hotels were crowded with football rooters from many parts of the United States. Everything points to a great game except the weather. Late today the skies clouded and the forecast for tomorrow was colder, probably with rain.

The teams late today were drilled for an hour on Franklin Field. The West Point team took the field first and practiced in secret. There was no scrimmage, but the players were put through a severe drill of straight football with a few trick plays. Much attention was given the forward pass. After the cadets quit the field the 35 Navy players were divided into three teams and put through a fast drill. Many intricate plays were practiced.

The players spent the evening quiet at their hotels, and all obeyed the order of "lights out" at 10 p. m. The Army will enter the game a favorite on the season's record.

The Navy has been beaten twice this year which the Army has not suffered a defeat. The Army has shown the greater scoring power and judging by the small number of points made against it, is strong on defense. The Navy has been scored on in six of its eight games.

Army coaches are not as free in predicting victory as are their supporters. They declare too much dependence should not be placed on the season's record.

The Navy expects to win. All the players are reported in excellent condition and the coaches declare that the midshipmen's game has steadily improved.

The crowd is expected to be the largest that ever saw an Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. More than 23,000 seats given athletic officials of the two institutions were distributed free to officers of the two departments, senators and representatives in Congress, other officials of the government and friends of officers in the two services. The University of Penn-

DECLARES THAT HE IS INNOCENT UNITED STATES IS NOT READY

LEO M. FRANK GIVES OUT STATEMENT FROM HIS CELL

REVIEWS THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Says He Was Prosecuted For a Crime of Which He Had No Knowledge.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Nov. 27.—Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death for the murder here in April 1913, of Mary Phagan, today gave out a statement to the public declaring his innocence of the crime and reviewing the circumstances surrounding his trial and the legal steps taken to obtain for him a rehearing or the setting aside of the verdict.

Frank's statement was given out from his cell in the Fulton County jail, where he has been confined since his arrest several days following the discovery of Mary Phagan's body in the basement of the pencil factory of which Frank was superintendent. He declared he has been "prosecuted wrongfully and grotesquely for a crime of which I have no knowledge," and mentioned that in all the steps taken for a new trial the question of his guilt or innocence has never been reviewed by the higher courts, but only the legality of the proceedings have been considered.

"Commenting upon the conditions and circumstances surrounding his trial in Atlanta in July and August, 1913, the prisoner in his statement says: 'The jurors heard the demonstrations both within and without the court room, the applause when the prosecution scored a point; the disapproval when the defense won a point; they saw the chief of Atlanta police and the colonel of the militia in conference with his honor the judge.' Continuing the statement reads:

"If those conditions which obtained constitute a legal judicial trial; if the issue of life and death could be reasonably presumed to be faithfully considered in such an atmosphere—then God help us all. * * * Consider the 12 jurors; they were on trial too; their very lives hung in the balance."

The statement relates briefly the actions of Frank on the day the murder was committed and the prisoner then turns to a vigorous denunciation of James Conley, a negro, who was employed as a sweeper at the pencil factory, and who was the prosecution's principal witness. Conley now is serving a year's sentence as an accessory after the fact to the Phagan girl's murder. "It was not shown," the statement declares, "that Jim Conley, who had a long police record had neither the motive to conceive the crime nor the opportunity to commit it. * * * Before you can take his negro's word, he must show that he himself is innocent."

Frank closes his statement with a repetition of his declaration of his own innocence and with further charges against the veracity of Conley.

Forcing Them to Return.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—War conditions in Canada are forcing fugitives from justice from the United States to return to this country, according to Clarence L. Reames, United States district attorney here. Careful watch the Canadian authorities keep on foreigners and the fear of conscription are contributing causes.

Will Protect Cuban Citizens.

(By Associated Press.)

HAVANA, Nov. 27.—The Cuban flag ship Cuba sailed today for Vera Cruz under instructions to protect Cuban citizens there and to repatriate all who desire to return to Cuba.

Endorsed Monroe Doctrine.

(By Associated Press.)

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Nov. 27.—William Howard Taft, in an address here tonight, endorsed the Monroe Doctrine, discussed its relation to the European war and declared interference by the United States in Mexico and Central America has had nothing to do with the Doctrine.

Arrested by City Officers.

(By Associated Press.)

VERA CRUZ, Nov. 27.—General Lacio Blanco, the last of the Constitutionalist leaders to evacuate the capital, has been arrested by his own officers and is on his way to Vera Cruz, according to a report here.

vania's seals, about 8,000, were sold. The proceeds will go to the service organizations that look after relief work for widows and orphans of enlisted army and navy men.

Secretary Garrison, Lane and Houston and the assistant secretaries of war and the navy are expected to see the game.

CANNOT EXPRESS OPINION ON REQUEST OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS

CONSIDERING SUGGESTIONS

Secretary Bryan Will Take the Matter Up With President Wilson.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The United States government is not ready, according to an announcement today by Secretary Bryan, to express an opinion on the request of South American nations for cooperation by Washington in negotiations with European belligerents looking to the exclusion of their warships from the waters of this hemisphere. Mr. Bryan said, however, he would take the subject up with President Wilson on his return.

The Peruvian minister today communicated to Mr. Bryan in detail his government's proposal for the establishment of a neutral zone in the Atlantic and the Pacific. It would extend the territorial waters of neutral countries from the present limit of three miles to a designated meridian within which merchantmen of all nations would be free from molestation.

Ambassador Da Gama, of Brazil, took up with Mr. Bryan the general subject of concerted action on the part of the Pan-American republics to effect a restoration of trade between the two continents. He had been instructed to sound the American government as to its attitude toward various suggestions advanced. But Mr. Bryan informed him the Washington government had not determined on its course. The Brazilian government has been anxious to ascertain the attitude of the American government toward suggestions of this kind before making formal suggestions itself.

Beyond admitting that the various suggestions were under consideration, Secretary Bryan declined to discuss the proposition of the United States government. To one diplomat, however, he pointed out the desire of the United States to take no action which would meet with disfavor by belligerents and might impair the influence of this government when time for the settlement of the war arrived.

When the Latin American diplomats exchanged views on different proposals the European diplomats said today they were uninformed as to the attitude of their respective governments. At the British and German embassies it was said the Latin American countries had made no formal communications to their governments.

MORE BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

Germany's Submarines Have Made One of Their Most Daring Feats.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(10:20 a. m.)—It was reported by Lloyd's today that two British steamers were sunk off Havre yesterday by German submarines.

"The steamers were the Malachite and the Primo. Their crews were rescued. Those from the Malachite were landed at Southampton and those from the Primo at Fecamp, France, on the English Channel.

Lloyd's report indicates that Germany's submarines have made one of their most daring feats. This is the first occasion when their activities have been reported in these waters. Apparently they made their way through the straits of Dover to a point more than 150 miles from their nearest base.

The Malachite was a small steamer of 718 tons gross. She was built in Glasgow in 1902. The gross tonnage of the Primo was 1,368. She was laid down in Stockton in 1904.

Cotton Warehouse Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, Ga., Nov. 27.—Fire late today destroyed a cotton warehouse containing 1,200 bales at Georgetown, Ga. The loss is estimated at \$60,000, partially covered by insurance.

Charged With Negligence.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Captain J. J. Carey, of the steamship Hanael, wrecked on Duxbury Reef last Monday with all on board, was charged today by federal inspectors with negligence and unskillful navigation. He will be tried next week.